Polynomial Factoring solution (version 667)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 + 2x + 13 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(2) \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(13)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(2) \pm \sqrt{4 - 52}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-48}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-16 \cdot 3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 4\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}\,i$$

Notice that i in NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of -9 + 2i and -8 - 3i in standard form (a + bi).

Solution

$$(-9+2i) \cdot (-8-3i)$$

$$72+27i-16i-6i^{2}$$

$$72+27i-16i+6$$

$$72+6+27i-16i$$

$$78+11i$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 19x + 30$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is (x+1).

Solution

$$f(x) = (x+1)(x^2 - 11x + 30)$$

$$f(x) = (x+1)(x-5)(x-6)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = -(x+7)^{2} \cdot (x+4)^{2} \cdot (x-1) \cdot (x-5)$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial y = p(x).

